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SUBJECT: AUTO STANDARDS

REF: TOKYO 11385

1. ON AUGUST 13, LOCAL FORD REP TOLD EMBASSY THAT
MOT MITAKA LAB HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT '76 MODELS AS
"REPRESENTATIVE VEHICLES" FOR 77 MODEL CLEARANCE,
EVEN THOUGH ONLY MINOR CHANGES IN MODELS ARE INVOLVED.

2. FORD WAS TOLD CARRYOVER VEHICLE CONCEPT NOT
POSSIBLE FOR 77 MODELS SINCE THERE WAS NO "FORMAL AGREEMENT"
REACHED DURING RECENT TALKS BETWEEN GOJ
AND U.S. DELEGATION (REFTEL). MOREOVER, STATEMENTS
MADE BY MOT'S KITAGAWA DURING THAT MEETING WERE "IN
THE FORM OF PROPOSAL FUTURE ACTIONS POSSIBLY TO
BE APPLIED IN 1978, NOT FOR 1977 MODELS."

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: DURING JULY 28 MEETING, KITAGAWA
MADE NO REFERENCE TO YEAR OF MODEL IN AGREEING TO
CONCEPT OF CERTIFYING REPRESENTATIVE VEHICLE SO LONG
AS NO MAJOR CHANGES INVOLVED. MITAKA LAB'S POSITION
APPEARS REFLECT FURTHER MOT RETREAT FROM ANY
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PROGRESS SEEMINGLY MADE IN JULY 28 TALKS. EMIN

PLANS RAISE THIS LATEST SNAFU WITH MOFA OFFICIALS
EVENING 8/13 AND EMBOFFS WILL ALSO DISCUSS MATTER
DIRECTLY WITH KITAGAWA AND MOFA OFFICIALS EARLY IN
WEEK OF 8/16.
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